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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. IN OCTOBER 22 CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL POLADS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON OBSERVERS AT MANEUVERS, YOU MAY ADD TO POINTS IN REF A THAT US AS A PRACTICE INVITES ALL FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES INCLUDING BLOC TO TAKE PART IN ANNUAL US TOURS, DURING WHICH ATTACHES AS A GROUP ARE EXPOSED TO STATIC DISPLAYS AND SOME FIRING DEMONSTRATIONS ON US MILITARY BASES. US PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, LODGING, AND ESCORTS. IN CONTRAST TO FRG PRACTICE REPORTED REF B, HOWEVER, US DOES NOT MAKE A REGULAR PRACTICE OF INVITING EITHER ALL ATTACHES OR ANY SELECTED GROUP OF ATTACHES TO MANEUVERS IN US (I.E., FIELD EXERCISES INVOLVING OPPOSING FORCES). SELECTED ATTACHES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF ALLIED COUNTRIES, HAVE ON OCCASION BEEN INVITED TO CERTAIN MANEUVERS, BUT ON A PURELY DISCRETIONARY BASIS.

2. YOU MAY CONCUR IN CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL (PARA 4 OF REF B) TO PREPARE PAPER SUMMARIZING POLADS DISCUSSION, WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO REACH AGREED COMMON POSITION.

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3. ON THE BASIS OF THIS PAPER, WE THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR IMS IN DUE COURSE TO PREPARE A STUDY FOR MILITARY COMMITTEE SUGGESTING, AS PROPOSED REF C, SOME POSSIBLE COMMON PRACTICES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGES OF OBSERVERS. AT SAME TIME, WE CONCUR WITH IMS THAT COMMON PRACTICES WOULD PRINCIPALLY ADDRESS MULTINATIONAL ALLIED MANEUVERS, LEAVING PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL MANEUVERS ON ONE'S OWN TERRITORY TO DISCRETION OF NATION CONDUCTING THEM. MOREOVER, WE WOULD EXPECT ANY COMMON PRACTICES TO BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO BE ADJUSTED IN LIGHT OF PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY OTHER CSCE PARTICIPANTS, IN PARTICULAR EASTERN BLOC. INGERSOLL

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